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Mid City/Parkview Historic District Study Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 22, 2016

Location: Jesuit High School, St. Ignatius Hall, 3rd floor, 4133 Banks Street, New Orleans, LA 70119

Called to order: 6:15

Adjourned: 8:00

Members present: Rachel Lyons, Jennifer Farwell, Jim Cripps, Quinn Breland

Members absent: Emily Shaya Rebecca Maisel, Frank Donze

Staff Present: C. Elliott Perkins, Eleanor Burke, Melissa Quigley

- A. Roll Call
- B. Introductions
- C. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2016
Quinn Breland made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion, seconded by Jim Cripps, passed unanimously.
- D. Review of district boundary options and levels of jurisdiction

The staff outlined the process up to this point. The staff explained the reasoning behind the effort to transferring review of demolitions in National Register Districts outside of HDLC jurisdiction from the NCDAC to the HDLC. The staff gave a summary of the HDLC mission, historic districts, office structure and review process. The staff reviewed the nature of partial control districts under the jurisdiction of the HDLC including Tremé, Esplanade Ridge and the Garden District. Elliott Perkins outlined the various boundaries on the map created by the staff(attached) and what they represent. He described the reasoning behind the various options, their strengths and potential pitfalls.

- E. Discussion

Quinn Breland stated that boundaries without gaps make more sense. He stated that something he had heard frequently from neighbors was that everyone on a particular street should be treated the same. Jennifer Farwell agreed that simpler boundaries would be easier for the public to understand and the city to administer. Quinn Breland requested that the staff describe the levels of jurisdiction that the HDLC offered. Jennifer Farwell stated that she had reservations about full control, but that she leaned toward the highest level of control because it is easier to reduce the level of jurisdiction than to increase it.



F. Public Comment

Several speakers voiced their concerns regarding HDLC jurisdiction over Mid City/Parkview. Others voiced their support. Elizabeth Boudreaux stated that there were not many demolitions in the Parkview area, and she did not see the need for any oversight of demolitions in that area. Jack Monroe requested that the HDLC staff meet with the Parkview Neighborhood Association in order to further educate them about the HDLC. Elliott Perkins stated that he would be happy to meet with the neighborhood. Carla Gendusa of Councilmember Head's staff outlined the value of demolition review in the City and the hope to create a more consistent process for demolitions by placing them under the purview of the HDLC. Several speakers spoke about their concern that the department of Safety and permits has no legal definition for what constitutes a demolition. The current NCDAC ordinance states that anything over 25% of the existing structure or the façade is considered a demolition. Elliott Perkins agreed that the City needs to create a clear definition of what constitutes a demolition. One speaker asked if a neighborhood could opt out of demolition review. The staff stated that the neighborhood association needed to make a formal request to the Study Committee, the City Planning Commission and the City Council.

Following public comment, the Committee returned to their discussion. Jim Cripps stated that he endorsed reviews of demolition, but had concerns about full control. He stated that The HDLC did a great job reviewing new construction and that he thought the Garden District selected the right levels of jurisdiction. The Committee agreed to defer action and reconvene within a month's time. Quinn Breland thanked everyone for their input and participation.

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.